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DA Reported In Good Shape After Surgery

District Attorney Jim Garrison was recuperating today at St. Bernard General Hospital after an operation for an abdominal hernia.

The operation was performed yesterday morning by Dr. Emile Bertucci Jr., hospital chief of staff, and other staff physicians.

Hospital director Phil Dufour said last night the DA was resting satisfactorily.

Dufour said Mrs. Garrison was at the hospital with her husband. He said Garrison was expected to be released within 48 to 54 hours.

He said Garrison chose St. Bernard hospital on recommendation of a friend and because it is a small, personal hospital.

Garrison was admitted to the hospital at 6 p. m. Saturday.

Assistant DA James L. Alcock said he does not anticipate any delay of the conspiracy trial of Clay L. Shaw because of the operation.

"We still plan to go to trial Sept. 10," Alcock said.

Asked if any particular security precautions were put into effect for Garrison's stay in the hospital, Alcock said, "Not that I know of." A reporter-photographer team observed several plainclothes guards stationed around the hospital, however.